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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 23, 2017

**DATE:** May 5, 2017

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Director  
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**THROUGH:** Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** For possible action and discussion to direct the County Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time by authorizing Commissioner Vaughn Hartung to work directly with Community Services Department staff to review and propose changes to the Washoe County Code Chapter 110- Development Code. (All Commission Districts.)

### SUMMARY

Commissioner Hartung requested through the Board of County Commission (Board) Chair at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to be able to assist with Planning and Development related items on behalf of the entire Board. This item will authorize the use of staff time to review County Code Chapter 110 to assist in streamlining and updating various provisions of the code pertinent to sustainability and streamlining appropriate growth within Washoe County.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Proactive Economic Development and Diversification

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 11, 2017, Commissioner Hartung requested the use of staff time through the Board Chair for the purpose of assisting in planning related items.

### BACKGROUND

On numerous occasions the Board has requested flexibility and forward thinking within the development code to meet the demands of the growing region. Currently staff and public identify deficiencies within the code, suggest changes, and process code changes. This process; however, can be cumbersome with far reaching consequences due to the piecemeal approach to changes.

Commissioner Hartung has an understanding of the development process and a different perspective than that of staff. It is that different perspective that can be valuable for staff in developing modifications to the development code that will make the code more flexible in the day to day administration of the standards.

AGENDA ITEM # 21

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact associated with this item. Staff time spent in discussing and formulating code changes is time that will be saved in the future in administering the code.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners direct the County Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time by authorizing Commissioner Vaughn Hartung to work directly with Community Services Department staff to review and propose changes to the Washoe County Code Chapter 110-Development Code.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:  
"Move to direct the County Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time by authorizing Commissioner Vaughn Hartung to work directly with Community Services Department staff to review and propose changes to the Washoe County Code Chapter 110-Development Code."